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ARMS AND CARTRIDGES WITH THE CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of arms and cartridges lying in the stocks of Customs department at Delhi and Mumbai;

(b) whether Government proposes to disposes them off; and

(c) if so, the details of the mode of disposal specified and that made by Customs Department earlier?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S.PALANIMANICKAM)

(a) The details of arms and cartridges lying in the stocks of Customs department at Delhi and Mumbai are as follows:-

Place	Arms	Cartridges
Mumbai	782	45252
Delhi	997	211399

(b)&(c) The confiscated fire arms are disposed off in terms of guidelines issued by the Ministry vide F.No.711/30/2002-Cus(AS) dated 15-07-2002. As per these guidelines, the prohibited bore weapons are confiscated and appropriated only for the departmental use or to persons specifically allotted by the Ministry. The non prohibited fire arms can be loaned to the departmental officers for use during their service period. These are also sold to sitting Members of Parliament on first come first serve basis, subject to the condition that they should not own/possess any weapon.